

Worksession

Agenda Item #	7
Meeting Date	November 15, 2004
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Discussion Item	Carroll Avenue Streetscape Project – Bids for Laurel Avenue Section
Background	<p>On October 4th staff met with the Council to discuss the proposals received for the construction of the Laurel Avenue streetscape project, noting that bids ranged from \$197,500 to \$233,050. The timing and extent of the planned improvements were considered. The Council was advised that construction could be delayed until late winter or early spring without adversely affecting funding for planned projects.</p> <p>Following the worksession, the original specifications were reviewed by planning staff in partnership with the City Engineer. Revisions were made in the way the work was to be completed and some tasks were eliminated. For example, the bricks along Laurel Avenue, at the recommendation of the Brick Industry Association of America, will be placed on a bed of compacted sand rather than a concrete bed as originally proposed. The removal and storage of the planters and street furniture will be completed by public works staff and not by the contractor as noted in the bid packet. These changes will not affect the appearance or configuration of the final project.</p> <p>The three firms originally bidding on the project were contacted and asked to resubmit their bids based on these revisions and the later start date. Requests for bids for selected bollards and planned landscaping were distributed and bids were received.</p>
Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance pedestrian and bicycle access to shops, transit, schools, and other community facilities by improving pedestrian safety and providing wide, tree-lined sidewalks throughout the area. • Support strengthening the streetscape from Takoma Junction to Old Town. • Improve pedestrian connections and image from the Junction to Old Town to the Takoma Metro in the District of Columbia. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Takoma Park Master Plan</i></p>
Fiscal Impact	<p>A total of \$275,000 in State and County revitalization grant funds is available for the design, engineering and construction of this section of the Carroll Avenue Streetscape project. Of these funds \$194,900 was originally earmarked by staff for Laurel Avenue improvements based upon preliminary cost estimates. The revised bids received by the staff indicate that a majority of funds would be expended on Laurel Avenue (\$240,057). Additional funds would need to be secured to construct the section of the project on Carroll Avenue between Eastern Avenue and Columbia Avenue.</p>

Attachments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of updated construction bids and bollards and landscaping bids • Project priority list (originally distributed at July 6th City Council Meeting)
Recommendation	Review bids. A Single Reading Ordinance awarding Contracts for Laurel Avenue Construction is scheduled for November 22, 2004.

City of Takoma Park

Laurel Avenue Sidewalk and Median Reconstruction

11/15/04

BIDS:

Revised Bid:

M. Luis Construction	\$227,673
E & M Asphalt	173,789**
OMNI Excavators	230,369

Bollard Bid

Bid Price:

Mid Atlantic Products	\$73,028
Reliance Foundry Co. Ltd.	21,746**
West Recreation, Inc.	34,724

Landscaping Bid

Bid Price:

Stadler Nurseries	\$12,487**
Denison Landscaping, Inc.	9,102

REVISED PROJECT BUDGET:

Construction/Laurel Avenue	\$173,789 **
10% Contingency	17,380
Design & Survey/Laurel Avenue	14,655 *
Bollards	21,800 **
Landscaping/Laurel Avenue	\$12,487 **
Total Estimated Construction Costs:	\$240,111

Total Available Funds \$275,000

Remaining Balance \$34,889

* Indicates completed expenditure

** Indicates recommended bid

Carroll Avenue Streetscape Project

Cost Priorities (Philadelphia Avenue to Eastern Avenue)

Residential Area (Philadelphia Avenue to Columbia Avenue)

1. 5' Obstruction-free sidewalks
2. Bicycle lane and crosswalk marking
3. Tree canopy
4. Intersection pedestrian-safety modifications (bump-outs, additional bollards and planters, reconfiguring curb ramps)
5. Attractive, low-maintenance landscaping
6. Sidewalk art component
7. Trash cans
8. Lighting conduits
9. Decorative paving
10. Street lamps
11. Benches (not included in Contract)

Commercial Area (Columbia Avenue to Eastern Avenue)

1. (Laurel Avenue median reconstruction)
2. (Laurel Avenue sidewalk reconstruction)
3. Tree canopy
4. Westmoreland intersection modification
5. Extensions at pinch points to make obstruction-free 6' sidewalk
6. Reduce driveway widths
7. Carroll Avenue bump-outs at Tulip and Willow Avenues (improves ADA access)
8. Bump-outs at Carroll/Laurel Avenue intersection (commercial side)
9. Bump-outs at Carroll/Laurel Avenue intersection (Church side, will be a bid option, not included in Cost Estimate)
10. Bump-out in front of 7002-7006 Carroll Avenue (will be a bid option, not included in Cost Estimate)
11. Benches (not included in Cost Estimate)
12. Trash cans (not included in Cost Estimate)
13. Public art/sidewalk art component (not included in Cost Estimate)
14. Pergola (not included in Cost Estimate)
15. Decorative crosswalk markings (not included in Cost Estimate)